U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of EDWARD D. ROWSEY <u>and DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY</u>, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, West Palm Beach, FL

Docket No. 00-2109; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 16, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has a ratable hearing loss causally related to factors of his federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the May 14, 2000 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated May 14, 2000 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC May 16, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member